

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 2 before paragraph [0001]:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

[0000.1] This application relates to, and claims the priority benefit of, commonly owned provisional United States Patent Application No. 60/491,392, entitled "Anisotropic Optimization for Texture Filtering," filed July 31, 2003, having common inventors and assignee as this application. The subject matter of the related application is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.